

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") states that the preliminary amendment filed on August 5, 2003 is considered non-compliant because each claim in the Amendments to the Claims has not been provided with the proper status identifiers. Specifically, the Notice states that claims 7-10 have the wrong status identifiers.

In response, Applicants submit a corrected Amendments to the Claims section, which includes the proper status identifier for all of the claims. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submits that the corrected Amendments to the Claims section now places the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 5, 2003 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks made herein be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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